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The Honorable David A. Stockman  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Dave:

I have recently been informed that the OMB passback to the Department of Energy did not provide for the full complement of [ ] intelligence positions. In view of my responsibilities for overseeing the National Foreign Intelligence Program, I am concerned about the impact that OMB decisions have had upon DOE's intelligence operation in recent years. Since 1981, the number of intelligence positions within DOE has dwindled [ ] to the present FY 1984 level of [ ] positions.

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In mid-1982, DOE took steps to consolidate intelligence functions under the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs and to improve the effectiveness of its intelligence reporting and analysis functions. To this end, the Department re-examined the requirements of the various Secretarial Officers and identified intelligence issues of importance to them in the execution of their programmatic responsibilities. The internal requirements identified by this study, coupled with the necessity for the Department to interact more effectively with the rest of the Intelligence Community, were translated into the designing of a recently approved intelligence organization in the Office of International Security Affairs under the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs. The new DOE intelligence organization is consistent with the role and functions of the Department of Energy's intelligence program, including staffing requirements, outlined in the DDCI's letter of 21 September 1981 (copy attached).

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The consolidation of intelligence functions under Defense Programs was a significant step toward improving overall DOE intelligence operations within the Intelligence Community. This new organization of [ ] positions represents the critical mass of staffing necessary to fulfill the functions assigned to the Department by the President under Executive Order 12333, "United States Intelligence Activities," and implemented and approved by me through the National Foreign Intelligence Program budget process.

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The OMB decision to fund only [ ] of the required [ ] positions in FY 1983 and FY 1984 will not only undermine the Department's ability to provide necessary intelligence support to its senior management needs, but will deprive the Intelligence Community, as well, of certain technical, analytical and research capabilities that only DOE can provide and that the Department is directed to provide by Executive Order 12333. The consolidation actions taken by DOE this past year were to be the beginning of positive efforts by all concerned to establish within the Department the type of intelligence structure so desperately needed [ ] 25X1

I urge you reconsider this decision by the restoration of [ ] intelligence FTE's in FY 1983 and FY 1984 to DOE's Verification and Control Technology Program Departmental budget request, so DOE will be able to adequately support validated Intelligence Community and DOE requirements. [ ] 25X1

Sincerely,

*Signed*

William J. Casey

Attachment:  
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